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1. ZAIRE AND ANGOLA--

ZAIREAN PERM REP UMBA DI LUTETE INFORMED MISOFF THAT IN VIEW OF ZAIRE'S RECAPTURE OF SEVERAL TOWNS WHICH HAD BEEN SEIZED, TI DOES NOT INTEND AT THIS TIME TO REQUEST A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 731)

2. SECURITY COUNCIL AND APARTHEID--

WHEN NIGERIAN PERMREP HARRIMAN, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF APARTHEID COMMITTEE AND MARCH AFRICAN GROUP CHAIRMAN, CALLED ON AMB YOUNG, THE LATTER SUGESTED THAT THE SC EMBARK ON AN "ACTION STRATEGY" LEADING TO PROGRESS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE US AND EC-9 HAVE TOLD SOUTH AFIRCA THAT RURNHALLE IS NOT SATISFACTORY, AND NOW HOPE TO HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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EACH OF WESTERN COUNTRIES MAKE COORDINATED DEMARCHES IN CAPITALS TO SOUTH AFRICA. AT SAME TIME, HE SAID, THE SC CAN MOVE ALONG ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RESOLUTION 385. HARRIMAN AGREED IT IS VORSTER'S INTENTION TO CREATE "POCKET GOVERNMENTS" IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA, AND SAID AFRICANS FEAR SOUTH AFRICA BEING BROUGHT IN AS "RESPONSIBLE" NEGOTIATING PARTNER. HE ALSO AGREED WITH MC HENRY'S SUGGESTION OF NEED FOR NEW COOPERATION RATHER THAN A PROLIFERATION OF UNENFORCEABLE RESOLUTIONS, BUT NOTED AFRICANS COOPERATED WITH WEST ON SC RES 385 ONLY TO HAVE LAST US ADMINISTRATION EMBARK ON DIFFERENT COURSE. HE OBSERVED THAT MOOD NOW IS RIGHT FOR A NEW KIND OF INITIATIVE. HARRIMAN AGREED TO AMB YOUNG'S SUGGESTION THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF NIGERIA, ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, INDIA, LIBYA, BENIN, MAURITOUS, UK, FRANCE, FRG AND CANADA MEET WITH US MARCH 18 TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS. FOREIGN MINISTERS OF TANZANIA, NIGERIA AND ZAMBIA WILL BE ATTENDING SC DEBATE, HARRIMAN STATED.

THE BRITISH INFORMED US THAT IT WAS APPARENT WHEN HARRIMAN CALLED ON UK PERMREP RICHARD THAT AMB YOUNG'S MEETING WITH HARRIMAN HAD HAD AN IMPACT. HARRIMAN TOLD RICHARD IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE AFRICANS TO GO ALONG WITH A "SOLEMN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES." AFRICANS, HE STATED, WISH WESTERN MEMBERS INTER ALIA TO MAKE PUBLIC PROMISE OF INTENTION TO MAKE DEMARCH TO SOUTH AFRICA, PLEDGE NOT TO SUPPLY ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA, AND FOR FRANCE, ISRAEL AND ITALY ESPECIALLY TO MAKE A PUBLIC PROMISE INDIVIDUALLY CONCERNING ARMS. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 720, 739)

3. RESULTS OF FARAH MISSION TO LESOTHO--

LESOTHO'S PERMREP MOLAPO EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH THE FARAH MISSION TO LESOTHO. ACCORDING TO MOLAPO, THE MISSION'S REPORT WILL BE OUT LATER THIS MONTH AND WILL RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMEND IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN ROADS, AS WELL AS AIRSTRIPS IN NINE DISTRICTS, ACQUISITION OF TWO TWIN OTTER AIRCRAFT, AND IS EXPECTED TO CALL FOR EXPANSION OF CLASS-ROOM AND HOSPITAL SPACE, NEW HOUSING FOR FOREIGN EXPERTS, GRANARIES AND STORAGE SILOS. AND APPEAL WILL BE MAKE TO OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF LES-OTHO'S NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. MOLAPO EXPRESSED DIS-APPOINTMENT WITH THE MARCH 10 MEETING BETWEEN LESOTHO'S AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON AND THE DEPARTMENT AND ASKED WHAT LES-OTHO IS DOING WRONG NOT TO RECEIVE MORE SYMPATHETIC TREATMENT FROM THE USG IN REPLY TO AID REQUESTS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 737)

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4. FINANCING OF MAPUTO CONFERENCE --

TO DATE \$157,500 IN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBER STATES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED OR PLEDGED TOWARD THE \$246,500 NEEDED TO HOLD THE MAY, 1977, MAPUTO CONFERENCE (IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA). THE \$246,500 REPRESENTS THE EXTRA COSTS OF HOLDING THE CONFERENCE AT MAPUTO RATHER THAN AT UN HEADQUARTERS, AND UNDER GA RES 2609(XXIV) SUCH EXTRA COSTS MAY NOT BE CHARGED TO THE UN BUDGET. THE UN CONTROLLER'S OFFICE IS CONSIDERING THREE WAYS OF GOING AHEAD, ASSUMING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE INSUFFICIENT. TWO OF THEM WOULD SERIOUSLY COMPROMISE RES 2609 AND ESTABLISH HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT, AND THE OTHER SIMPLY AMOUNTS TO A PRAYER THAT ENOUGH VOLUNTARY MONEY WILL COME IN TO MAKE UP THE SHORTFALL. THE SECRETARIAT IS ALREADY UNDER AFRICAN PRESSURE, BUT REPORTEDLY ONE OR MORE OTHER STATES HAVE URGED THE SECRETARIAT TO HOLD THE LINE AND NOT MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE UNLESS

IT IS CLEAR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE SUFFICIENT
TO COVER THE ADDITIONAL COSTS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 741)

5. FURTHER VIEWS OF WILLY BRANDT --

DURING COURSE OF CALL BY AMB YOUNG, FORMER FRG CHANCELLOR
WILLY BRANDT SAID HE WAS GRATIFIED BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S
STURDY POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THOUGH HE ADDED WE MUST
BE CAREFUL NOT TO PROMISE MORE THAN WE CAN FULFILL.
YOUNG SAID HE CONCEIVED OF OUR HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORT AS A
KIND OF SYMBOLIC CAMPAIGN IN WHICH WE ALTERNATELY HIT HARD
ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS AND THEN BACK OFF. HE THOUGHT,
BASED ON US EXPERIENCE, IT WAS BETTER TO GET THE PROBLEM
OUT IN THE OPEN WHERE IT COULD BE DEALT WITH GRADUALLY.
IN HIS VIEW, SOVIETS WOULD HAVE A HUMAN RIGHTS EXPLOSION
EVENTUALLY EVEN IF WE DID NOTHING, SIMPLY BECAUSE OF
THE WIDENING EXPOSURE OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE TO THE OUTSIDE
WORLD AND THEIR RISING ASPIRATIONS. BRANDT,
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SPEAKING OF NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, SAID THAT IN WEST GERMANY
THE PUBLIC AND PRESENT CABINET ARE NOT INTELLECTUALLY PREPARED
FOR THIS ISSUE. YOUNG BELIEVED THAT IN THE AREA OF THE NORTH-
SOUTH DIALOGUE THERE WERE BASIC DIFFICULTIES FOR WHICH THE
WORLD HAS NOT DISCOVERED DIRECTIONS OR AGREEMENTS. HE
THOUGHT THE BEST THING THE US EVER DID FOR ITS OWN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AFTER WORLD WAR II WAS TO COMMIT ITSELF TO
THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF EUROPE, AND THE SAME MIGHT BE
TRUE IN OUR APPROACH TO THE THIRD WORLD. BRANDT SAID
HIS EFFORTS ARE TURNED TOWARD BRINGING WESTERN
EUROPEANS TO A BETTER ATTITUDE TOWARD THOSE PROBLEMS.
HE HAS BEEN DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF WORKING AT SOME-
THING LIKE THE LOME AGREEMENT, EITHER BY BROADENING IT
TO WORLDWIDE APPLICATION OR BY CREATING A NEW INSTITUTION
ON THAT PATTERN. SUCH A PLAN WOULD OFFER A PARTIAL
ANSWER TO THE RAW MATERIALS PROBLEM, AT LEAST, HE COMMENTED.
(CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 724)

6. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM --

WEO MEMBERS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM AGREED
THEY SHOULD WORK TO PREVENT CHAIRMANSHIP GOING TO ARAB
OR RADICAL NONALIGNED, BUT NO WEO WAS WILLING TO TRY
FOR POST. ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARIAT, NO ONE HAS EXPRESSED
INTEREST, AND PANAMA, PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN, INDICATED WISH
NOT TO HOLD POST AGAIN. WEO'S AGREED TO SEEK
INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT STANDING FOR VICE CHAIRMANSHIP OR POSSIBLY
RAPPORTEURSHIP BECAUSE NO VOLUNTEERS PRESENTED THEMSELVES
AT THE MEETING. ALL AGREED NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE TO POISON
ATMOSPHERE OR DIMINISH POSSIBILITY OF CONVENTION AGAINST

TAKING HOSTAGES. GENERAL SENSE OF MEETING WAS THAT WEO'S SHOULD DEFEND THEIR EXISTING POSITIONS IN MODERATE KEY, SPEAKING AS IN PAST AGAINST EXCEPTION FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, INCLUSION OF CONCEPT OF STATE TERRORISM, OR CONCENTRATION IN THIS COMMITTEE ON CAUSES.

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7. ARREARAGES AND ARTICLE 19 --

OF THE 17 COUNTRIES IN ARREARS UNDER ART. 19, TWO (CHILE AND HONDURAS) HAVE MADE PAYMENTS. UN CONTROLLER, WHO IS FULLY AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS ARREARS MIGHT CREATE, SAID HE IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH IS "SPECIAL CASE." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 722)

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8. PLO LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT--

LETTER FROM PLO OBSERVER TERZI WAS LEFT AT SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S OFFICE IN THE UN, WHICH CALLS ATTENTION TO THE BRUTAL SUPPRESSION BY ZIONIST POLICE OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS OF SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS AND ASKS FOR "IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION WITH A VIEW TO ELIMINATING ONE OF THE MAIN CAUSES OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED ABOVE, NAMELY, THE PROLONGED AND ILLEGAL OCCUPATION." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 723)

9. SIGNING OF THE ENMOD CONVENTION--

ASYG BJORNERSTDT INFORMED US THAT THE SYG AGREED TO HOLD UP TEMPORARILY THE CIRCULATION OF THE TEXTS OF THE ENMOD CONVENTION TO MEMBER STATES IN LIGHT OF USG LEGAL PROBLEMS, WHICH THE SYG HOPES WILL BE RESOLVED IN THE RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE. LENGTHY DELAY, HE ADDED, COULD CREATE PROBLEMS FOR THE SYG SINCE GA RES 3172 INSTRUCTS HIM TO OPEN THE CONVENTION FOR SIGNATURE "AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 725)

10. AUSTRALIAN CANDIDACY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION--

AUSTRALIAN MISSION SENT USUN AIDE MEMOIRE AND AMB HARRY WROTE PERSONAL LETTER TO AMB YOUNG PRESSING AUSTRALIAN CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 717)

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11. COMMITTEE OF 24 SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES--

VIEWS ON BERMUDA WERE EXPRESSED IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE
MARCH 10 BY REPRESENTATIVES OF IRAQ, IRAN, INDONESIA AND AF-
GHANISTAN. UK MADE CLOSING STATEMENT ON BERMUDA, AND ALSO
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OPENING STATEMENT ON PICAIRN AND SOLOMON ISLANDS.
IRAQ, IRAN AND INDONESIA ALL STRESSED NEED FOR FURTHER
DIVERSIFICATION OF THE ECONOMY. IRAQ STATED PRESENCE OF
MILITARY FORCE ON THE ISLAND WAS IN CONTRADICTION TO
CHARTER PRINCIPLES. IRAN FOUND IT ENCOURAGING THAT
THE RULING PARTY WAS NOW HAVING SERIOUS THOUGHTS ABOUT
INDEPENDENCE, HOPED THAT PARTY WOULD COME UP WITH ITS OWN ELECTORAL
REFORM, AND EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF UN VISITING MISSION.
INDONESIA THOUGHT FURTHER STUDIES SHOULD BE MADE OF VOTER
QUALIFICATION AND THE VOTING PROCESS. AFGHANISTAN
APPRECIATED THE UK'S "COOPERATIVE" ATTITUDE AND ASKED WHY
VOTERS HAD TO HAVE BRITISH CITIZENSHIP.

DALTON (UK), IN CLOSING STATEMENT ON BERMUDA, SAID
A REVIEW AND PERHAPS REFORM OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE
EXISTING CONSTITUTION RELATING TO VOTING RIGHTS WOULD
BE ON THE AGENDA OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE.
HE RECALLED THAT FIVE BRITISH TERRITORIES HAD BEEN
COVERED BY UN VISITING MISSIONS IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS, AND
SAID THAT AS THE PARTH AHEAD IN BERMUDA WAS BEING
EXPLORED BY ITS GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, UKDEL DID NOT BELIEVE
THAT 1977 WAS A GOOD YEAR FOR A FORMAL VISIT. WITH EXCEPTION
OF A FEW HIGHLY SPECIALIZED FIELDS, THERE WAS ENOUGH
EDUCATED BERMUDANS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCTORS,
TEACHERS, LAWYERS, ETC. OF THE 36 MOST SENIOR POLICE
OFFICERS ONLY FOUR WERE EXPATRIATE. MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN
TO DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY. THE RUNWAY OF THE MILITARY BASE
MENTIONED BY A SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER WAS THAT OF BERMUDA'S
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. DALTON DID NOT AGREE WITH THE IRAQI
REPRESENTATIVE THAT THE MILITARY PRESENCE ON THE ISLAND
CONTRAVENED UN CHARTER PRINCIPLES. (REPEATED INFO HAMILTON)

SPEAKING ON THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, DALTON NOTED IT WAS GENER-
ALLY AGREED THAT INADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS WERE THE PACIFIC
REGION'S PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ECONOMIC WEAKNESS.
HE SPOKE OF THE DIVERSE LANGUAGES, NATURAL RESOURCES,
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BRITISH AID, AND AUSTRALIAN AND
NEW ZEALAND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. OVER 87 PERCENT OF
THE CIVIL SERVICE POSTS HAD BEEN LOCALIZED, WITH ONLY ABOUT

300 POSTS FILLED BY EXPATRAITES. HE SAID IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THAT THE SOLOMONS WOULD COME TO INDEPENDENCE WITH UNITARY CONSTITUTION BUT ONE WHICH ALLOWED EFFECTIVE DEVOLUTION OF POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT. IT SEEMED LIKELY THAT AN INDEPENDENCE CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR. WITH INDEPENDENCE EARLY IN 1978. AS FOR PITCAIRN ISLAND, DALTON REPORTED THERE HAD BEEN NO CONSTITUTIONAL OR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE TERRITORY OF 64 INHABITANTS IN 1976 OR TO DATE IN 1977. THE HARBOR HAD BEEN IMPROVED AND THERE HAD BEEN A PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY SURVEY FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE REFERENCE ON A VARIETY OF IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING WATER SUPPLY, SMALL AIRSTRIP, AND WIND-POWER GENERATION, HE TOLD THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

12. CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE NOTE--

AT REQUEST OF MISSION OF CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, THE UN CIRCULATED TO MISSIONS THE TEXT OF CAE LETTER SETTING OUT THE TEXT OF CAE'S CATEGORICAL DENIAL OF "HAVING BEEN SUBJECTED TO PRESSURE BY A MAJOR POWER AND BEEN TEMPTED BY COLONEL KADAHFI'S MONEY TO SERVE AS A BASE FOR ANTI-SUDAN SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES." (USUN 738)

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